

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 28, 1859.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

AN ACT

For the punishment of the crime of forgery or counterfeiting military bounty land warrants, military bounty land certificates, certificates of location, certificates of purchase, and receivers' receipts.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That if any person or persons shall falsely make, alter, forge,
4 or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered,
5 forged, or counterfeited, or willingly aid or assist in falsely
6 making, altering, forging, or counterfeiting, any military
7 bounty land warrant, or military bounty land warrant certi-
8 ficate, issued or purporting to have been issued by the Com-
9 missioner of Pensions under any act of Congress, or any certi-
10 ficate of location of any military bounty land warrant, or any
11 duplicate certificate of the location of any military bounty land
12 warrant, or military bounty land warrant certificate, upon any of
13 the lands of the United States, or any certificate of the purchase

14 of any of the lands of the United States, or any duplicate certificate
 15 of the purchase of any of the lands of the United States, or any
 16 receipt for the purchase money of any of the lands of the United
 17 States, or any duplicate receipt for the purchase money of any
 18 lands of the United States, issued or purporting to have been
 19 issued by the register and receiver at any land office of the
 20 United States, or either of them, or if any person or persons
 21 shall pass, utter, or publish as true any false, forged, or coun-
 22 terfeited military bounty land warrant, military bounty land
 23 warrant certificate, certificate of location, or duplicate certifi-
 24 cate of location, certificate of purchase, duplicate certificate of
 25 purchase, receipt, or duplicate receipt, for the purchase money
 26 of any of the lands of the United States, knowing the same to
 27 be false or forged, such person or persons so offending shall be
 28 deemed and adjudged guilty of felony, and, being thereof duly
 29 convicted, shall be sentenced to be imprisoned and kept at hard
 30 labor for a period not less than three years nor more than ten
 31 years : *Provided, nevertheless,* That nothing herein contained
 32 shall be construed to deprive the courts of the several States of
 33 jurisdiction under the laws thereof over offences declared
 34 punishable by this law.

Passed the House of Representatives January 26, 1859.

Attest :

J. C. ALLEN, *Clerk.*